

REMARKS

Summary of Claim Status

Claims 3-22, 25-27, 29, and 30 are pending in the present application after entry of the present amendment. Claim 26 is rejected for the reasons discussed below. Claim 27 is indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 3-22, 25, 29, and 30 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for this acknowledgement of patentable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the claims and withdrawal of the pending rejections in view of the present amendment and in light of the following discussion.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner stated:

Claim 27 recites the limitation “means for selectively adjusting” . . .
There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Office Action at ¶3, page 2. Applicants thank the Examiner for her close reading of the claims. Applicants believe the present amendment to Claim 26, from which Claim 27 depends, provides sufficient antecedent basis and overcomes the rejection. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Furthermore, the Examiner states that Claim 27 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, Applicants believe Claim 27 is now in form for allowance, and allowance of Claim 27 is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

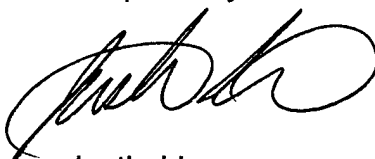
Claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chiu et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,472,912 (“Chiu”). Applicants have voluntarily amended Claim

26 to include the features of allowed Claim 25. Therefore, Applicants believe Claim 26 is allowable, and respectfully request allowance of Claim 26.

Conclusion

No new matter has been introduced by any of the above amendments. In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believes that Claims 3-22, 25-27, 29, and 30 are in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is therefore requested. If action other than allowance is contemplated by the Examiner, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicants' attorney, Justin Liu, at 408-879-4641.

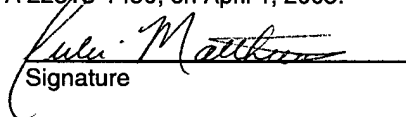
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